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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re application of:

Horst KNOETIG

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For: DEVICE FOR NOTCHING THE
SPINE OF A BOOK BLOCK
FORMED WITH COMPRESSED
SIGNATURES

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

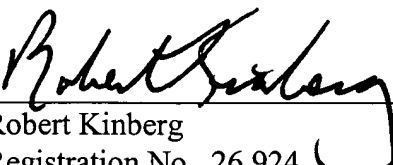
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Sir:

Pursuant to the requirement for restriction/election in the Office Action mailed on August 31, 2004, Applicant hereby elects Species I, directed to the embodiment shown in Figs. 1-3. Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 8 and 9 read on the elected species. At least Claims 1, 3, 8 and 9 are believed to be generic to both species. Further examination of these claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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